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FALL IN PRICES OF ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in the prices of onion;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide assistance to onion growers in this hour of crisis; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) The prices of onion after remaining sluggish for several months in the past, registered an increase during October, 2000 and the same trend is continuing. The W.P.I. of Onion stood at 128.5 as on 11.11.2000 showing an increase of 20.9% over a week and 30.5% over the month.

(c) & (d) During the current financial year 2000-01 the Govt. of India since April,2000 has released a quota of 2.5. lakh MTs for export of onion through NAFED andother State designated agencies till November,2000. Out of this, a quantity of around 2.0 MTs has already been exported.